

Texas Public Information Act APPEAL

Corpus Christi Police Department Texas Public Information Act Appeal 321 John Sartain Street Corpus Christi, TX 78401

July 24, 2019

This is a follow up to a previous request:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am appealing my records request that was sent on July 8, 2019 relating to the Corpus Christi Police Department's use and solicitation of facial recognition software. I do not believe that a reasonable search was conducted with regard to my request and would like for the search to be run again.

As stated in my last email, I am also looking for any communication regarding the potential implementation of facial recognition software. This includes any unsolicited proposals or marketing material from facial recognition companies to the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely, Freddy Martinez

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On July 19, 2019:

Subject: RE: Texas Public Information Act Request: Facial Recognition - Corpus Christi (TX) Good Morning,

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Please see the attached letter that has been prepared for your open records request.

Thank you, Susan Pulsney Management Assistant Open Records

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This message and any attachments may contain confidential information from my office. This is solely for use by the individual named as the recipient. if you are not that person, be aware that any disclosure, copying distribution or use of the contents of this message are prohibited.

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On July 8, 2019:

Subject: Texas Public Information Act Request: Facial Recognition - Corpus Christi (TX) To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

Records and materials related to the solicitation, acquisition, and use of face recognition technology and related software and services.

This software or services may be provided by Rekognition, Face++, and FaceFirst; this request is applicable to these and any other company providing facial recognition services under consideration or contract with this agency.

Responsive materials include but are not limited to:

- Agreements: contracts (including non-disclosure agreements), licensing agreements, nondisclosure agreements
- Bid records: Requests For Proposal (or equivalent calls for bids), sole source or limited source justification and approval documentation, documentation of selection, and other materials generated in the consideration and selection of the technology in question
- Company relations and communications: records related to meetings or follow-up actions with any vendors, companies, or other private entities marketing face recognition to this agency for immigration, intelligence, law enforcement, or other use.
- Financial records: purchase orders, invoices, and other memoranda and documentation.

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- Marketing records: All marketing materials unsolicited, requested, or otherwise acquired from vendors of face recognition technology
- Policy records: any policy directives, guidance documents, memoranda, training materials, or similar records governing the use of face recognition technology for immigration, law enforcement, or other purposes. Any memoranda of understanding between this agency and other agencies to share data, access remote systems or other forms of information sharing with external agencies.
- Training records: training material governing the use, sharing, or access to any related data related to or collected by the face recognition software/technology, including the legal standard that is required before using the technology. Documents, should they exist, about training for bias in the use of facial recognition technology.
- Use and function records: Materials that describe the function of the software considered or in use by this agency, including emails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents.
- Validation and accuracy: Records, reports, audits, and other documents sufficient to describe validation, accuracy, reliability, and policy compliance of the system.

Please limit the search to records produced from January 1, 2017 – present. Please include in your search as responsive records: communications, memorandums, background papers, meeting minutes, email exchanges, or presentation materials. If your office has questions about this request, please feel free to direct them to the address associated with this request or call the MuckRock office at 617-299-1832.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Freddy Martinez

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